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NOVEL FUSION PROTEIN, GENE THEREOF, RECOMBINANT VECTOR BEARING THE GENE AND RECOMBINANT VIRUS AS WELL AS USE THEREOF

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